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OUR FINE NEW CHURCH

Dedicatory

THIS unpretentious little volume is lovingly dedicated to the memory of those who in love and earnest desire for the spiritual welfare of this community made the necessary sacrifice to build the Foldens Methodist Church, and to establish the communion of our beloved church among the people.

¶ It is with a large sense of obligation that we send forth this Souvenir Volume, and present to future generations the new edifice that we now find necessary if we are to meet the increasing demands upon us.

¶ May we, under the blessing of Him whom we serve, prove worthy of our forebears, and may we hand to the next generation that goodly heritage of which we may be proud in that Great Day.

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A Souvenir Volume

WE have prepared and present to the public this Souvenir portfolio in view of the passing of the little old historic frame church on "The Corners", known as Foldens Methodist Church. Our purpose is a recalling of our church history and the preserving of some records of interest to us and the honoring of many names associated in the establishing and preserving of our church.

¶ As well, we reach out to items of general interest to our Township. We are presenting many of our homes both new and historic. Our community life we set forth. Items re other churches gladly find a place in our volume as well as photographs and records of persons connected with the church, the Municipal Council and Members of Parliament. Our famous W. O. Stars Foot Ball Team is not forgotten.

¶ Some pages of quotations from our people are of especial interest as is also a page recording items of world-wide interest that have transpired in 1911.

¶ The engraving on the front cover shows the old church, around which will cluster hallowed memories for many still worshippers here, and for many more now far away from the old home.

THE SOUVENIR COMMITTEE

MEMBERS OF FOLDEN'S LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

REV. T. ALBERT MOORE, D.D.
SECRETARY OF GENERAL CONFERENCE
GENERAL SECRETARY OF TEMPERANCE AND MORAL REFORM

Sweet Memories of The Past, Good Wishes for The Future

A new church at Foldens! No one rejoices more than the undersigned. Looking back over my ministry, many memories are revived of seasons of refreshing when I was stationed on Salford Circuit in 1882-4. Especially do I recall those evangelistic services in which it was my privilege to take some part. There were many who professed conversion, and it is encouraging to know that many of those who then became Christians abide faithful.

May your new church be a place where many shall be saved, as well as the place of uplift, comfort, and encouragement for many people. You have my prayers for every success in your splendid enterprise, and that the benediction of the All Father may abound toward all the people, and abide in all your homes.

Yours faithfully,

T. ALBERT MOORE.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven—Matt. 5 : 16. —THOS. GOODMAN.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.—Psa. 27 : 4. —MRS. BROWN.

Our Early Church History

THE first Methodist services of Foldens were held in '66 in the little schoolhouse. Rev. Lewis Warner and Rev. Wm. H. Musgrove, his assistant of the then Ingersoll Circuit, conducted Protracted Meetings. Some have still very vivid recollections of these special services, meetings strong, spiritual and full of intensest zeal were they, when permanent foundations were being laid for the future. For night after night Wm. Rivers, with his wagon and yoke of oxen, would bring the people from "The Pines." Weather conditions did not count in those days. The house was packed every night. Was it dark? No matter! for pitch pine torches were ample to meet this exigency and to guide in the tramp for miles around to the place "where God met with his people."

¶ Standing at "The Corners" one could see from every direction the light of these torches as carried by those happy and expectant people wending their way to the meeting. When asked how they could stand it night after night the enthusiasts would reply "we cannot afford to stay at home."

¶ The neucleus of Methodism of Foldens was formed from those who "got religion" in the little old school house. From among these was formed

OUR FIRST TRUSTEE BOARD

as follows: Rev. Lewis Warner, Chairman; H. C. Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer; John R. Waite, George Galloway, Wm. Lowes, Wm. Rivers, Enoch Sage, Franklin Folden and R. A. Janes. Through the efforts of these men, backed up by a loyal people, was erected

OUR FIRST CHURCH HOME, 1866

and thus the newly formed society enjoyed their own place of worship. The little new church was of frame, exceedingly well put together and of material of rare quality. It took no small sacrifice on the part of the faithful few in those early days of bush, stumps distant markets and small prices to give us what has served as Church home of Methodism at Foldens these 45 years. All honor to the pioneers. May God bless their memory.

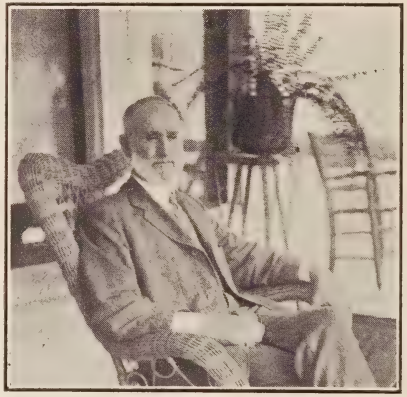
THE ORIGINAL SUBSCRIPTION LIST

The following is the original subscription list. The amounts range from 25 cents to $50. These are omitted.

WM. RIVERS

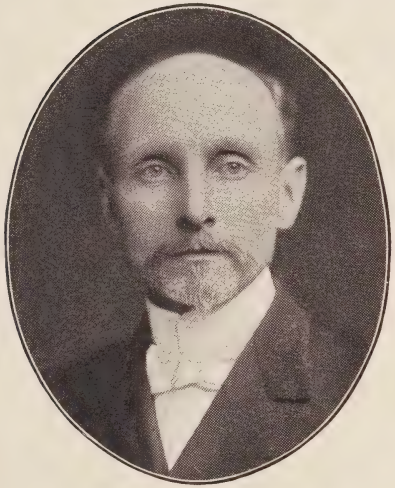
We, the undersigned, agree to pay the sums set opposite our respective names for the erection of a Wesleyan Methodist Church at Foldens Corners, being between the 3rd and fourth concessions of the township of West Oxford, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Building Committee as follows: One-half to be paid on the first day of October, 1867, and the remaining half on the first day of November, 1868. West Oxford, March 26th, 1867: Wm. Lowes, Wm. Rivers, Franklin Folden, R. A. Janes, John Wallis, John Chamberlain, Daniel Kelly, Oscar Cross, E. Thompson, Lorenzo Lawrence, Enoch B. Sage, John Smith, Abner Chalker, Wm. Chalker, Chas. Williamson, Marshall Lewis, Geo. Corey, L. Service, Hugh Finnegan, James McCaveney, Mark W. Turner, Nelson Janes, Solomon Spragg, James Lawrence, Samuel Lowes, C. Brown, S. I. Lawrence John Carty, Samuel H. Mabee, Mr. Hankins, Joseph Budd Heman Janes, Joseph B. Piper, Walter M. Mabee, Geo. Galloway, David White, I. B. Crawford, John Sibbald, H. C. Wilson, Wm. Wilkinson, Stephen Roberts, John Phelps, Thos. Hesheth, Walter Harris, Edgar Lewis, Robert Williamson, John Myers, James Galloway, Daniel Harris, Robert McDonald, Isaac Piper, Chas. Wilson. Total amount $412.75.

Another list, drawn up October 21st, 1867, and payable October 1st, 1868, has the following additional names, those of the above re-appearing, are omitted: Elder Conrad L. Warner, John R. Waite, Warren Harris, Mr. Cadman, John Wilkinson, T. Partlo, Jos. Jarvis, A. Burtch, I. Martin, A. Andrews, Peter Meek, Eman Spragg, T. G. Lewis, Chas. Cadman Thos. Fletcher, G. Bailey, W. Bell, Mrs. Englefield Mrs. Ryan, Soll Schell, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Isaac Piper, W. Pool, Isaac Wilson. Total $153.50.



JOHN R. WAITE

The following is the last receipt (several earlier ones are still held by the Trustees) for payment on building fund: "Received Ingersoll, 23rd January, 1869, from H. C. Wilson, the sum of ninety-three dollars and eighty-eight cents, in full of account building Zion Church, West Oxford.—A. Oliver & Co., per P. Kerr.



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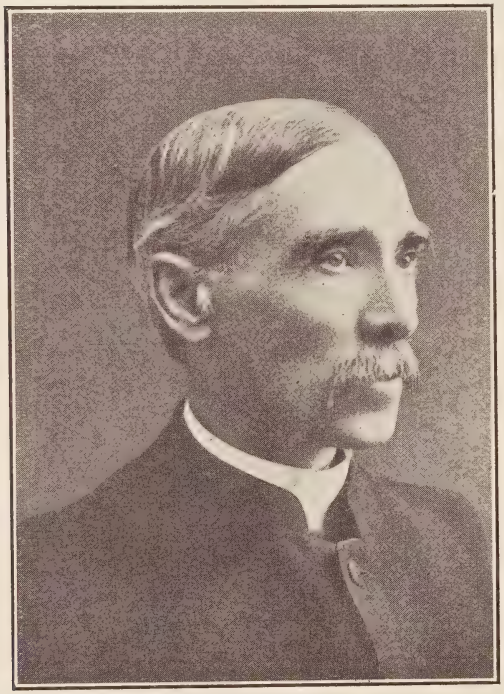
A Former Pastor



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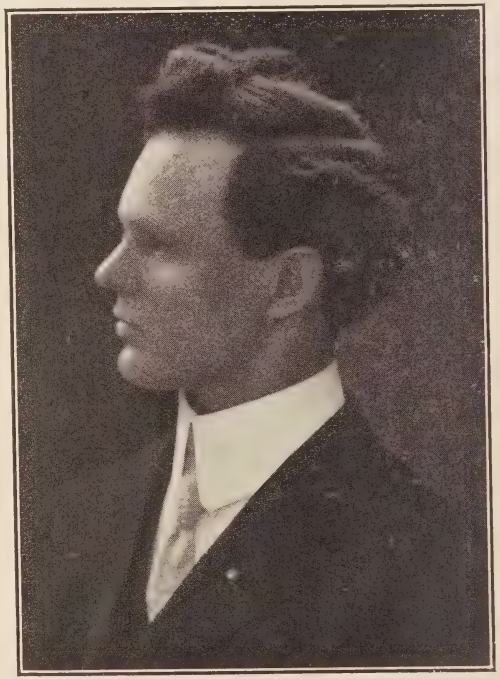
OUR PRESENT PASTOR



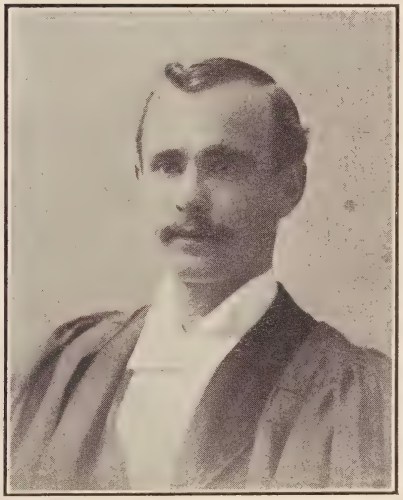
REV. CHAS D. DRAPER

OUR LATE PASTOR—NOW AT ACTON

The Pastors Who Have Ministered to Our Needs

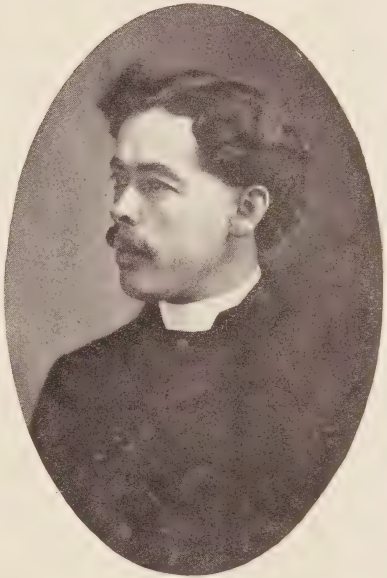
When on Ingersoll Circuit—Lewis Warner, 1864-66; W. W. Clark, 1867.

When on Salford Circuit—Hugh McLean, 1868-70; Thos. Crews, 1871-1873; James Kennedy, 1874-75; Chas. Stringfellow, 1876-77; W. Willoughby, 1879-80; David Hunt, 1881-83.



REV. A. W. SHEPPERSON
NOW OF WINDHAM

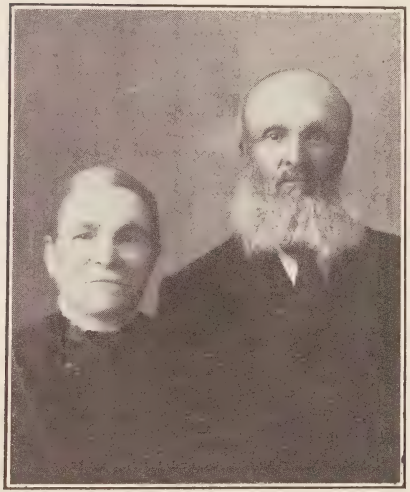
REV. W. J. BRANDON
NOW OF CALEDONIA



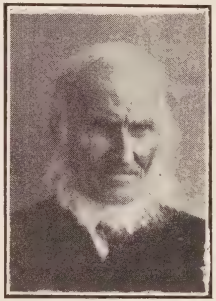
REV. J. D. RICHARDSON, M. A.
NOW OF PERTH

After the Union we were on Sweaburg Circuit—Thos. Athoe, 1884-86; S. D. Holden, 1887-89; Geo. Carpenter, 1890-92; Thos. Voaden, 1893-94; J. E. S. Baillie, 1895; C. W. Vollick 1896-98; Geo. W. Johnson, 1899-1900; J. D. Richardson, 1901-05; W. J. Brandon, 1906; A. W. Shepperson, 1907; Jabez Hill, 1908. Beachville Circuit—Chas. D. Draper, 1909-11; J. Edgar Russ.

A Page of Our Early Members

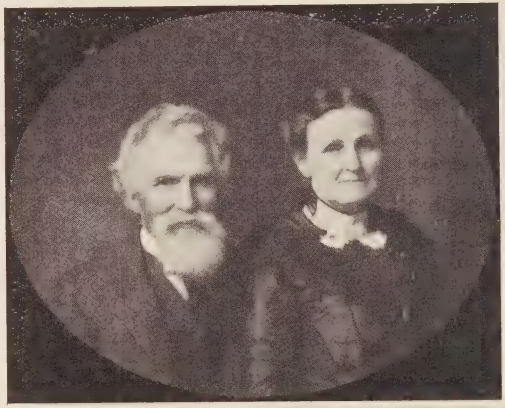


MR. AND MRS. GEO. CLIFTON



FREDERICK SANDICK
NOW OF INGERSOLL

Was at our Corner Stone Laying. He with Mr. Spragg built the corduroy road east from The Corners through the 'swamp," using logs from Comfort Sage's farm.



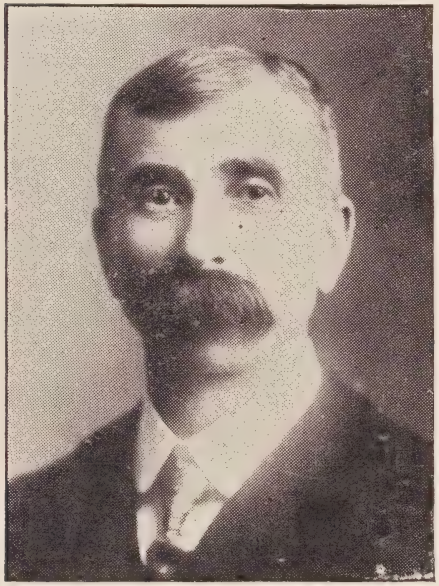
MR. AND MRS. L. H. ROBERTS

God is our refuge and strength ; a very present help in trouble.—Psa. 46 ; 1.—MR. AND MRS. L. H. ROBERTS.

Though we are separated here,
Our journey we'll pursue ;
Remember us with humble prayer,
And we'll remember you.

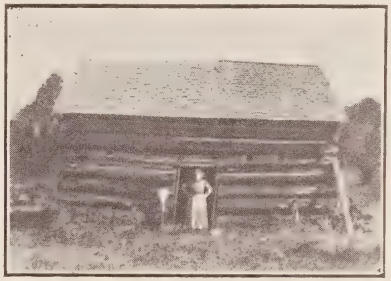
And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God ?

—MR. AND MRS. GEO. CLIFTON.



J. C. SMITH
NOW OF RIDGETOWN

The old residence of Mr. John R. Waite, as seen today on farm now owned by Ben Clifton.



FOLDENS
SCHOOL HOUSE

This year being remodelled and modernized.

He alone who does God's will can claim God's light.
—C. D. DRAPER.

The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. Ps. 126; 3.—REV. AND MRS. THOS. VOADEN.

BUILDING COMMITTEE OF NEW CHURCH

JOHN SHELTON WM. PULLIN C. W. BUDD

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF NEW CHURCH

GEO. SHELTON W. B. SAGE FRANK FOLDEN R. WILSON

It is not what he has, nor even what he does, which directly expresses the worth of a man, but what he is.
—MR. AND MRS. JOHN SHELTON.

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. Phil. 4: 6.
—MR. AND MRS. CHAS. W. BUDD.

The Lord taketh pleasure in His people. He will beautify them each with salvation.—MR. AND MRS. G. SHELTON.

For the structure that we raise
Time is with materials filled;
Our to-days and yesterdays
Are the blocks with which we build.
—MR. AND MRS. FRANK FOLDEN.

REV. W. C. SAGE

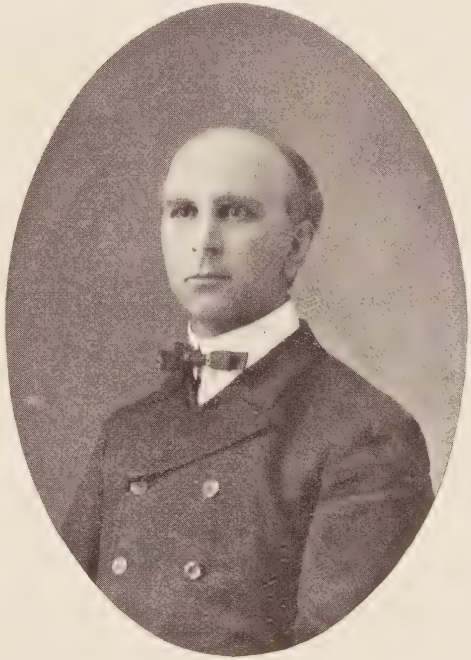
William Comfort Sage was born and raised in West Oxford. At the age of twenty-one he was soundly converted to God through the instrumentality of revival meetings held in the little frame church that has recently been removed.

Following his conversion, he was never so happy as when engaged in some humble service for his new-found Master. He was a member of that evangelistic organization known as "Daniel's Band," which God seemed pleased to use for the quickening of the churches and the salvation of many precious souls.

In accordance with the prophecy of his friends, he early heard the voice of God calling him to the sacred office of the Christian ministry. With a keen sense of unfitness and inability, yet desiring to obey, he answered: "Here am I, Lord, send me!"

His scholastic preparation was made at Albert College, Belleville, Ont., and Nothwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. The preparation to which he attributes the major portion of his success, as well as the joy and stability of his Christian life, was not human, but Divine. This personal pentecost came in answer to the travail of a hungry soul, while he was pastor of a prominent church in St. Paul's, Minnesota.

All his ministry has been in the west, where he is held in high esteem, both by his denomination and the people whom he has served.



REV. W. C. SAGE
NOW OF WHEATLAND, N. DAKOTA

He is great who is what he is from nature and who never reminds us of others.—Emerson. —LYDIA OSMOND.

Do good, and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the spoils of time will never destroy.—Shakespeare. —VELMA HUGHES.

THE METHODIST PARSONAGE

"OUR PASTOR'S HOME"

Erected at Beachville upon the forming of our circuit, during the pastorate of Rev. C. D. Draper.

Work is not a man's punishment; it is his reward and his strength, his glory and his pleasure.—George Sands.

—MR. and MRS. CHAS. HUGHES.

Every book is a quotation; and every house is a quotation out of all forests; and every man is a quotation from all his ancestors.—Emerson.

—MR. AND MRS. ED. PHILLIPS.

Daniel's Band

With many of us richest of memories centre around the Daniel's Band of our earlier church history. In the fall of 1883 W. H. Barraclough preached one evening in Zion Church and being impressed by the presence of so many young men in the audience he made a fervent appeal for decisions for Christ. Five young men came to the altar.

The following week he with Rev. T. Albert Moore, the junior pastor of the circuit, talked over conditions. They were persuaded that "the field was white unto harvest." Special meetings were started and these resulted in twenty-five young men deciding for Christ, besides many others.

In January, 1884, Mr. Barraclough began teaching here and recommended the organization of a young men's prayer meeting. This suggestion found a hearty response. The spirit of enthusiasm and devotion that characterized that group of young men was splendid indeed. Shortly afterwards the men were organized for definite Christian service taking the name 'Daniel's Band."

There was no special constitution, their aim was definite, "personal and united effort in the winning of others for Christ, especially young men." Their Monday night meetings were kept up the year round, the zeal of the boys was such that after working all day in the harvest field they would walk from one to three miles to attend Band service. Their effort also revived the mid-week prayer meeting, which had died out.

The Band was divided into three sections and on Friday nights held cottage prayer meetings in different sections.

These groups pressed out in their work for miles around—to Avon in the west, Springfield in the south, Oxford Centre in the east, and to Beachville in the north. Later Geo. Shelton and W. H. Barraclough went to Halton County, while still later Mr. Barraclough, John Shelton, Frank Brown and others went to Welland County to conduct meetings. At the close of two years over 1000 persons had been led to accept Jesus as a personal Saviour. To this day many of the office bearers of the churches visited are the direct result of these efforts.

Among the leaders or captains of the Band were, beside the above named:—Will Sage, Will Carey, Charlie Budd and later Peter Hughes. Among the workers were also Tom Young, Ed. Coleman, George, Mary and Maggie Portens, Robert Pullin, Florence Wilson, Emma and Mary Shelton, George and John Phillips, Ed. McLees, Sam and Henry Lord, Fred and Wm. Service, Anna Wiseman, Lois Sage and Heman Thornton.

MR. AND MRS. J. BUDD

Pioneer settlers here and active in support of our interests.

Waiting to receive the Spirit
Lo! the Saviour stands above;
Shows the purchase of his merit,
Reaches out the crowns of love.
—MR. AND MRS. WM. FOSTER.

Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy.—Emerson. —MISS MCMILLAN.

What is really best for us lies always within our reach, though often overlooked.—Longfellow.
—MAUDE OSMOND.

A few more rolling suns at most
Will land us on fair Caanan's coast;
Then we shall sing the song of grace
And see our Savior face to face.
—MR. AND MRS. WM. LONGSWORTH.

I will work in mine own sphere, nor wish it other than it is.—Longfellow. —MRS. D. OSMOND.

He who sows courtesy reaps friendship; and he who plants kindness gathers love.
—MR. AND MRS. T. HENRY BARNETT.

WEST OXFORD METHODIST CHURCH

ERECTED 1854

The oldest Methodist Church for miles around.

He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.—Bailey.

—FLORENCE M. NANCEKIVILL.

Oh, yes! A tower of strength indeed,
A present help in time of need,
A sword and buckler is our God.—Longfellow.

—MR. AND. MRS. ALEX. HOYLE.

MISS NANCEKIVILL

A former much esteemed worker and member of our church, has given herself to evangelistic work. After a special course of study at Moody Institute, Chicago, she at once entered heartily into her work. From the first her efforts have been successful. In effectiveness, strength of appeal and clear-cut gospel presentation she is strong.

On Sunday, May 21st, 1911, Miss Nancekivill conducted the first Mothers' Meeting at Foldens. Her addresses were strong, tender, full of thought, and will long be remembered.

A good man is rather to be chosen than great riches.

HOWARD E. POOLE.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. Psa. 23; 1-2.

—JOHN WAITE.

WEST OXFORD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL---1911

GEO. COOK, Reeve. BYRON G. JENVY, Clerk.

JAMES PULLIN. HENRY SEALEY. HARRY MERRILL. MARTIN WILLIAMS.

This Council has kindly presented the new church building with a beautiful art window.

JOHN SHELTON, SR.

Who laid a corner stone. Born in Bedfordshire, Eng. May, 18, 1834, and came to Foldens in 1873. He lived on the farm now owned by John Shelton, Jr.

WALTER PULLIN

OF WOODSTOCK

Father of the hustling chairman of the Building Committee. Mr. Pullin laid a corner stone for us.

H. HILL

Ex-member of our church, now of Saskatchewan.

Brevity is the soul of wit. —RALPH FOLDEN.

Howe'er it be, it seems to me 'tis only noble to be good.—Tennyson. —MR. AND MRS. W. BRAD. SAGE.

Time as it is cannot stay,
Nor again as it was can it be.
Disappearing and passing away
Are the world, the ages, and we.
—MRS. G. E. POOLE.

Most of shadows of this life are caused by standing in our own sunshine. —MRS. S. D. SOMERS.

Piety, patience and perseverance are very rare jewels. May they ever be our adornment.
—MR. AND MRS. J. C. BARRETT.

Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you. Be ye kind one to another.
—MR. AND MRS. HEMAN THORNTON.

Be slow to fall into friendships, but when thou art in continue to be firm and constant.—Socrates.
—MR. AND MRS. WALBURN RIVERS.

WM. EDWARDS
CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER, INGERSOLL
Who erects the new church.

JUNIOR CLASSES OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL
OF WHICH GEO. SHELTON IS SUPERINTENDENT

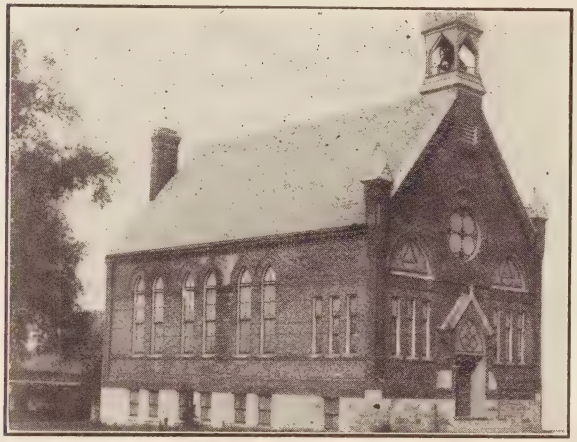
View not this spire by measure given
To buildings made by common hands;
That fabric rises high to heaven
Whose basis on devotion stands.
—MR. AND MRS. FRANK THORNTON.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name; bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Psa. 103; 1-2.
—MRS. JOHN WAITE.

Oft in the open clasp there lay
Occasion ripe, some heartfelt need
Which I in blindness did not heed.
Heal thou my sight in thine own way
That I may be of use to-day.
—MR. AND MRS. FRED SERVICE.

Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much;
Wisdom is humble that he knows no more.—W. Cowper.
—MISS M. GILBERT.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, BEACHVILLE



THE METHODIST CHURCH
AT BEACHVILLE

Methodism in Beachville dates back over 65 years. Among its earliest members were Messrs. Downs and Burdick, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Youngs. The cause was supplied from the Wesleyan Methodist Church (now Central) Woodstock. Mr. James Lund and Mr. Wilkinson frequently and faithfully supplied as local preachers. Services were held in the school house, then in the Baptist Church, and afterwards in the unfinished factory. Revs. J. Breden and W. S. (now Dr.) Griffin were among the earliest pastors. During Rev. Mr. Hunt's time (1866) an old Presbyterian Church was presented to the Methodists, who rennovated and added to it. But for lack of funds they had no seats so used boards laid on blocks of wood.

The Trustees were: Warren Henry, Richard Gilbert, Eli Allan, who was also class leader, treasurer, secretary and caretaker. These constituted the entire male members, so the board was filled in by James Scarff and Wm. Scarff, of Woodstock. During this winter through the influence of protracted meetings a number joined the church. Of these Mrs. James Dickcy, of the village, is the only surviving member.

This newly-established appointment was placed on Oxford Centre circuit in 1868, Rev. W. C. Watson, M. A., being the pastor in 1868-70; Rev. Shem Blanchard 1871-73 and Rev. T. W. Jackson in 1874-76. In 1879, Oxford Centre being a large circuit, it was difficult to fill all appointments, but that year Rev. W. W. Carson, of Woodstock, volunteered to preach at Beachville in the afternoon and his services were gladly accepted.

The church was subsequently transferred to Ingersoll circuit and shortly afterward to Salford circuit. After the union in 1884 it was added to Sweaburg circuit. At this time the Daniel's Band services added much to the membership, which was further augmented under Rev. S. W. Holden.

In 1891 the present building was erected at a cost of $5,000. The Trustee Board were Henry Folden, John Smith, Edwin Dark, Jas. Dickie, Anslem Mundy, D. J. Dundas, R. Cropp, A. Haskin, John Hacker, and Rev. Geo. Carpenter, pastor. The Building Committee were Messrs.

John Smith, Richard Peers and John Hacker, Sec.-Treas. The building was dedicated November 19th, 1891, Rev. Dr. J. S. Ross, of Woodstock, preaching in the morning from the text, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go up into the house of the Lord." Dr. E. A. Stafford preached in the evening. This proved to be the last sermon he ever preached. For further list of ministers see Foldens Church pastors since 1884. This church never had mortgage. Its trustees bore indebtedness under note, the last of which ($200) was burned during the pastorate of Rev. Chas. D. Draper, during whose term also Beachville became the minister's residence and was associated with Foldens as a circuit. It was also during Rev. Mr. Draper's pastorate that the new church at Foldens was conceived and pushed well forward.

Except the Lord build the house,
They labor in vain that build it;
Except the Lord keep the city
The watchman worketh but in vain.—Psa. 127; 1.
—REV. AND MRS. W. N. VOLLICK.

Oh might we all our lineage move;
Give and forgive, do good and love.
By soft endearment and kind strife
Lightening the load of daily life.
—MR. AND MRS. EVERETT SAGE.

Every shadow in life is evidence of a sun somewhere.
—MARY HARRIS.

Happiness consists not in possessing much,
But in being content with what we possess.—Farrar.
—MR. AND MRS. BEN CLIFTON.

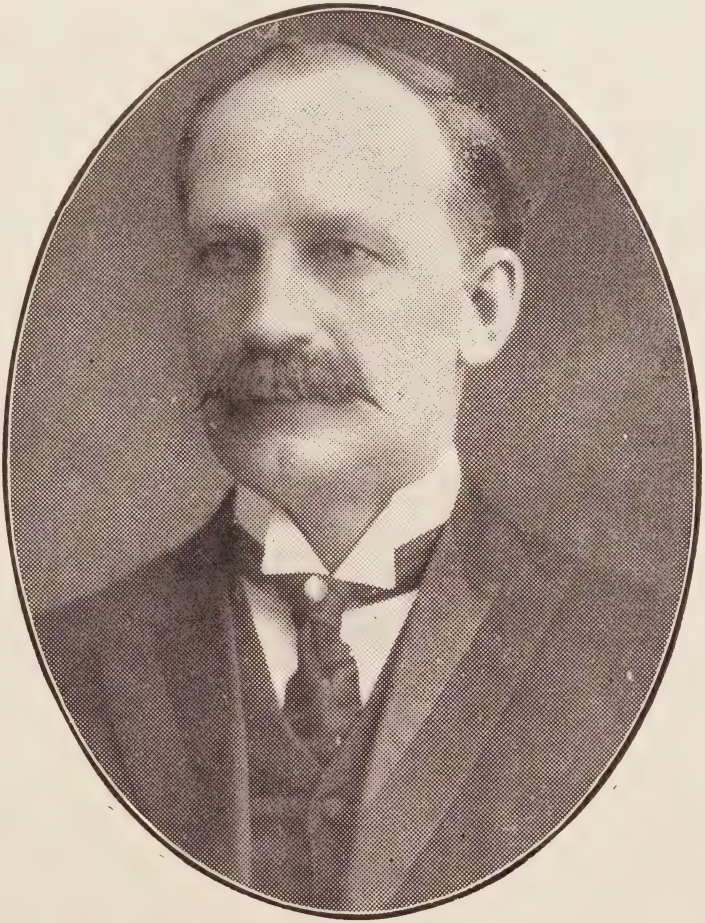
BEACHVILLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

L. ZUFELT, Leader. MRS. A. HUNSLEY, Pianist.

MISS F. ZUFELT. ALBERT ELLIOTT. FRANK ELLIOTT.
EDWARD MAJOR. HARRY ZUFELT. MISS CRETE CARR.
JAMES COLLIER. MISS CLARA DUNN. E. S. MCCLELLAND.

We scatter seeds with careless hands and dream we ne'er shall see them more,
But for a thousand years their fruit appears in weeds that mar the land, or fruitful store.

—M. S. SHELL, Ex-M. P.



M. S. SCHELL, Ex-M. P.

WHO REPRESENTED SOUTH OXFORD IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS UNTIL THE TWENTY-FIRST OF SEPTEMBER LAST

M. S. SCHELL, Ex-M. P.

Is a most successful and progressive farmer, an extensive buyer and exporter of fruit, and is largely engaged in the manufacturing and shipping of lumber. His business has been conducted so honorably that Mr. Schell has won the good will of all with whom he has come into business relations, and not even his political opponents have ever questioned his probity. He is a clear thinker, a ready speaker, and was a strong committee man at Ottawa. Mr. Schell is an esteemed member of Central Methodist Church, Woodstock. He is frequently a delegate to Conference, and in 1910 was a delegate to the General Conference held at Victoria, B. C. Mr. Schell laid a corner stone for our new church. His address was a strong feature in the day's programme.

RESIDENCE OF FRED SERVICE

A Trustee who has served as Sunday School Superintendent, Class Leader and Choir Leader.

RESIDENCE OF WM. PULLIN

The energetic Chairman of the Building Committee of our new church.

"LIVING FAITH" BIBLE CLASS AND EPWORTH LEAGUE
FOLDENS METHODIST CHURCH

LOOK UP! LIFT UP!

The Folden's Epworth League was organized in 1895, with Rev. J. E. S. Baillie, Honorary President, George Shelton, President, and a membership of about thirty active members, as a direct result of a series of meetings conducted by Miss Torrance, an evangelist, during the pastorate of Rev. T. Voaden.

Among the charter members were M. Wilson, now of California; A. Greenwood, now of Yorkshire, Eng.; E. Clifton, now a student for the ministry at Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. W. Geddie, now of Port Arthur; Mrs. F. Thornton, now of Vancouver, B. C.; and Mrs. G. Powell, now of Grenfell, Sask.

The Leaguers have always loyally supported the missionary department. They adopted the systematic plan of giving the second year after organization and have raised $500 (estimated) for missions.

The Christian Endeavor department has not been neglected, and a large number of young people have testified to the spiritual helpfulness received thereby. Outsiders have frequently remarked concerning the moral tone of the community as having been raised to a higher plane largely under this influence.

A splendid reading course was conducted during the pastorate of Rev. J. D. Richardson, who made an ideal teacher. He was assisted by Mr. Sprouie, the public school teacher.

The social side of the League has also been well developed, as is evidenced by the large number of cosy homes that have come into existence through the members fulfilling the scriptural injunction, "It is not good for man to live alone."

The present officers are: Hon.-Pres.—Rev. J. Edgar Russ; President—Mary E. Osmond; Christian Endeavor Vice-Pres.—Chas. W. Budd; Missionary Vice-Pres.—S. D. Somers; Literary and Social Vice-Pres.—Marion Folden; Citizenship Vice-Pres.—D. W. Osmond; Secretary—Mary Harris; Treasurer—Joe Wilson; Organist—Mrs. W. Haskett.

The following are Ex-Epworth League Presidents:—Geo. Shelton, C. W. Budd, Olive Roberts (Mrs. S. D. Somers), Lena Little (Mrs. F. Thornton), Mrs. W. B. Sage, Addie Sandick (Mrs. Jos. Clifton), Ida Roberts (Mrs. Geo. Powell) Olive Roberts, 2 years, Wm. Geddie, Judson Roberts, Lydia Osmond, C. W. Budd, S. D. Somers, 2 yrs, D. Wesley Osmond, 2 yrs.

THE "LIVING FAITH" BIBLE CLASS

Is about four years old, and is perhaps unsurpassed anywhere in the matter of growth and in some features of work done. Under the direction of Rev. C. D. Draper in the fall of 1908 a series of special services were conducted with zeal, earnestness and helpful results. Each night for four weeks the pastor was well supported in every call made, whether in the meetings or in outside work. Once a week five cottage prayer meetings were held in homes simultaneously, to which services the class were apportioned by the management committee. Day meetings were held for the school children. Systematic visitations were made among christian and non-christian alike. Announcement cards were regularly and systematically distributed. Prayer meetings, with an average attendance of over twenty-five were held before each evening service. The church was greatly quickened.

A Teacher Training Class was conducted in 1909 with an average attendance of twenty-eight. The class has so grown that they were forced to leave the main Sunday School assembly and gather in the hall for their lesson study. Banquets and social evenings have been held with splendid success. The officers are: C. W. Budd, Teacher; Miss F. Poole, Assistant Teacher; Miss Mary E. Osmond, President; Mrs. W. Haskett, Sec'y; Joe. Wilson, Treas.

To hold right principles, to live up to them under all circumstances, is to act the part of a true man.
—T. R. MAYBERRY, M. P. P.

COL. T. R. MAYBERRY, M. P. P.
SOUTH OXFORD'S REPRESENTATIVE IN PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

COL. T. R. MAYBERRY, M. P. P.

Was until a few years ago a practical and successful farmer near Foldens. He now resides in Ingersoll and is Secretary of Dereham and West Oxford Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and Manager of the Ingersoll Telephone Co. He is also Lieutenant Colonel 24th Regiment Cavalry, (Grey's Horse.)

At the last Provincial election he was elected as South Oxfords's representative in the Legislature, and the good showing he has made is a delight to his many friends, who deem him a worthy successor to the many capable men who have preceded him in that office.

Mr. Mayberry is gifted with intellectual qualities of a high order. His judgment is sound and he possesses strong executive ability. He expresses himself clearly, concisely, and with firmness.

In private life his character is most exemplary. He is an honored member of Zion Tabernacle, (Baptist) Ingersoll. His kindness and unvarying courtesy have won him many friends.

Mr. Mayberry laid a corner stone in the new church. His address was highly appreciated by the vast audience.

RESIDENCE OF GEO. SHELTON
Sunday School Superintendent and Treasurer of Trustee Board.

"FAIRVIEW," RESIDENCE OF HEMAN THORNTON
Faithful Secretary of our Trustee Board.

"THE MAPLES" HOLSTEIN HERD, OWNED BY WALBURN RIVERS (Son of Wm. Rivers)

A registered herd of first quality. Mr. Rivers stands at the front with "Daisy De Kol Wayne" a three year old that holds a record of 64 lbs. milk a day and 15 lbs. butter in 7 days. "Daisy Clay" has same butter record (beside man in rear).

This above all other things,
To thine own self be true;
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.
—Dr. and Mrs. D. J. McKay.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH, FOLDENS
ERECTED 1878

FOLDENS CHEESE FACTORY
Owned and operated by J. C. Barrett, of our Trustee Board.

Friendship is that by which the world is most blessed, and receives most good.—Jeremy Taylor.
—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson.

He who sedulously attends, pointedly, apt, calmly speaks, coolly answers, and ceases when he has no more to say, is in possession of some of the best requisites of man.—Lavater. —Edna Osmond.

To err is human, to forgive, Divine.—Pope.
—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Haskett.

When our days of life are ended,
And these paths no more we trod,
May our names in gold be written
In the autograph of God.
—Eliza Shuttleworth.

MRS. LULA RODDA

READER AND IMPERSONATOR

GRADUATE DETROIT SCHOOL OF ELOCUTION

If you loved only what were worth your love;
  Love were clear gain and wholly well for you.
Make the low nature better by your throes!
  Give earth yourself, go up for gain above.—Browning.
—MARY E. OSMOND.

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift!
  We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle—face it;
  'Tis God's gift!
—ERNEST S. CLIFTON.

"PINE VALE FARM" THE OSMOND RESIDENCE

Where dwell a group of busy workers in all departments of the church.

"SUNNY SIDE"

RESIDENCE OF EDWARD W. BARNETT

O child of sorrows, be it thine to know
  That scripture only is the cure of woe;
The field of promise, how it flings abroad
  Its perfume o'er the Christian's thorny road.
—MATILDA J. RYAN.

Lives of great men all remind us
  We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
  Footprints in the sands of time.—Longfellow.
—MRS. AND MRS. CHAS. HOYLE.

"THE CORNERS" STORE
Owned by Geo. Manzer, of our Church

God's in his heavens, all's right with the world.—Browning.
—MARION FOLDENS.

Life is a mirror of rare design,
'Tis just what we are and do;
So give to the world the best you have,
And the best will return to you.
—MR. AND MRS. J. C. ROBERTS.

My saddest and sweetest memory is the last look into my mother's face in the dear old church at Foldens.
—MRS. SUSIE GARNETT.

To thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.—Shakespeare.
—EDITH OSMOND.

But my God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus.—Phil. 4; 19.
—MR. AND MRS. GEO. MANZER.

He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare,
And he who has an enemy will meet him everywhere.—Emerson.
—MRS. R. COVENTRY.

"FIRSVIEW"
RESIDENCE OF MR. COVENTRY

Nothing Divine dies;
All good is eternally reproductive.—Emerson.
—MR. AND MRS. NORMAN THORNTON.

A man may go a kenny wrang,
To step aside is human;
Then gently scan thy brother, man,
And gentler sister, woman.—Burns.
—S. D. SOMERS.

RESIDENCE OF WM. ATKINSON

"CONARS BRAE"
RESIDENCE OF W. J. MURRAY

Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it. Ps. 127; 1.
—REV. J. D. RICHARDSON.

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. 1 Peter 1; 8.
—REV. AND MRS. W. J. BRANDON.

Golden Rule Bible Class
Beachville 1911

"GOLDEN RULE" BIBLE CLASS, BEACHVILLE

Organized and photographed during the pastorate of Rev. C. D. Draper, with Mrs. Geo. Crawford, President; Mrs. John Hacker, Teacher; Miss Myrtle Hasken, Treasurer, and Miss Florence Sharp, Secretary.

CAPT. J. ROY DAVIS

Of the 24th Regiment Cavalry, (Grey's Horse) of which T. R. Mayberry, M. P. P., is Colonel.

THE BUDD HOMESTEAD

NOW OCCUPIED BY C. W. BUDD

The energetic Secretary of our Building Committee; ex-Sunday School Superintendent and ex-Epworth League President.

For strength alone is manhood, right is might;
We must be earnest, brave to do the right.
Trust to thy God, give Him the very best,
So life shall be a springtime doubly blest.

—EDITH BUDD.

"THE LILACS," FRANKLIN FOLDEN HOMESTEAD

NOW OCCUPIED BY FRANK FOLDEN, JR.

Who is a Trustee. Mrs. Folden has been for years the faithful Church Organist.

So many gods; So many creeds;
So many ways that wind and wind,
While just the art of being kind
Is all this sad world needs.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

—MRS. H. C. WILSON.

They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts in that day when I make up my jewels.—Mal. 3; 17.

One family we dwell in him,
One church, above, beneath;
Tho' now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death.

—MR. AND MRS. WM. MAJOR.

"MYRTLE GREEN," SAGE HOMESTEAD SINCE 1835

NOW OWNED BY W. BRAD. SAGE

Church Steward, Trustee and on Finance Committee of the New Church.

The heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Went toiling upward in the night.—Longfellow.
—MR. AND MRS. H. M. MUNNS.

The only way to have friends is to be one.--Emerson.
—D. WESLEY OSMOND.

RESIDENCE OF R. NANCEKIVELL, JR.
STEWARD AND TRUSTEE

MRS. BROWN
BORN IN BRANTFORD, ONT., SEPT. 20, 1823

Has spent most of her life in West Oxford. For 35 years she has been a member of the Baptist Church, Foldens, and yet frequently walks over a mile to church.

Volunteer Bible Class
Beachville 1911

BEACHVILLE BIBLE CLASSES

"VOLUNTEER." "GOLDEN RULE."

The "Volunteer" Bible Class for Men, Beachville, was organized in May, 1909, with E. Damude, Teacher; John Hacker, President, and E. Karran, Secretary. Mr. Damude left in July, and Rev. C. D. Draper accepted position of teacher. The class soon gave signs of fruits of organization, and growing beyond the bounds of their location, were forced to go into the auditorium.

The ladies organized later as a direct result of the growth of the men's class, with Mrs. J. Hacker, Teacher, Lizzie Dundas, President, Myrtle Haskin, Treasurer, and Florence Sharpe, Secretary.

The Men's Banquet in March, 1910, was a great success. The Rally Day of November 1910 by the joint classes, was a red letter day in Sunday School work, the school attendance being 207; the adult classes having over 125 present. Nine men, prior to Rally Day, made a careful canvass of every man, and the ladies' committee of six a canvass of every woman of our church. Each class on that date added forty-eight to its membership. An inter-class contest was arranged and inaugurated this day, to last until Easter; attendance, punctuality, home study, church attendance, new membership, etc., were considered in the contest.

The classes conducted monthly alternate social evenings, when one class would entertain the other and provide the banquet and programme. These were unique in every way, though of course when the men did the cooking and serving of meals and conducting of a "Woman's Institute," there was the liveliest time. We will admit, though, that in debate and in orchestra work the ladies did excel.

No influence has told more in the history of Methodism in Beachville than has these classes' work. They have enlivened the church activities, deepened the spiritual life, and added to church membership very materially.

Present officers, "Volunteer."—E. S. McClelland, President; Geo. Collier, Sunday School Superintendent; Geo. Crawford, Vice-President; Chas. Weston, Secretary, and Albert Sutherland, Treasurer.

Present officers, "Golden Rule."—Mrs. John Hacker, Teacher; Mrs. Chas. Wilson, Assistant Teacher; Mrs. George Crawford, President; Miss Lizzie Dundas, Vice-President; Miss Edith Dorland, Secretary, and Miss Myrtle Haskin, Treasurer.

THE QUARTERLY OFFICIAL BOARD

On page seven is shown Beachville Circuit Quarterly Official Board and their wives, taken at the May meeting, 1911, at the home of the Recording Steward, F. A. Brink, where we were entertained so courteously.

I know not where His islands lift their proudest palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift beyond His love and care.—
Whittier. —MRS. T. CHOATE.

God's plan for us is sunshine, peace, harmony, and health,
With love divine to fill each human need;
Then let us not through error miss the wonder of
this wealth,
But live in each thought and word and deed.
—MR. AND MRS. ED. BARNETT.

MARY E. OSMOND

The energetic Secretary of our Souvenir Committee; President of L. F. A. B. C., also of Epworth League. Always busy.

Then be content poor heart;
God's plans, like lilies pure and white unfold,
We must not tear the close shut leaves apart,
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.
And if through patient toil we reach the land
Where tired feet with sandals loosed, may rest,
When we shall clearly know and understand,
I think that we shall say, "God knew the best."—Anon.
—REV. A. W. SHEPPERSON.

Not many lives but only one have we;
One, only one.
How sacred should that one life be—
Day after day filled up with blessed toil,
Hour after hour, still bringing in new spoil.—Anon.
—MR. AND MRS. WM. ATKINSON.

Do noble deeds, not dream them all day long,
And so make life, death, and the vast forever one grand, sweet song.—Kingsley. —VERA THORNTON.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.—John 3; 3. – G. E. POOLE.

If God is mine, then present things and things to come are mine;
Yes! Church, His Word, His Spirit too, and glory all Divine.
—WINNIE SHELTON.

FOLDENS LADIES' AID

On page nine is shown the present Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, Foldens, which was organized in March, 1892, during the pastorate of Rev. Geo. Carpenter, and the first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Heman Thornton in April of the same year. There were seven members present at the organization and Mrs. Stephen Hill was elected President, with Mrs. W. B. Sage, Secretary. Mrs. Hill, being an American, would only retain the Presidency for a four-year term and then retired, Mrs. Geo. Clifton succeeding her for the four-year term following, Mrs. Osmond for three years, Mrs. L. H. Roberts four years, and Mrs. W. B. Sage has entered upon her fifth year of service.

Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 10 a. m. Present officers are Mrs. W. B. Sage, Pres; Mrs. J. C. Roberts, Vice-Pres; Miss L. Osmond, Secretary, and Mrs. Geo. Shelton, Treasurer. There are three committees: a Floral Committee, a Purchasing Committee, and a Culling-out Committee. Five hundred dollars is contributed to the new church.

The ladies frequently send boxes of goods to the city Deaconesses and do charitable sewing. They have helped in all work, e. g. church repairing, the shed building, parsonage furnishings, and they presented the present organ to the church. They are always a band of hustling workers, and their meetings are a strong social factor in the church.

MRS. W. B. SAGE

President of Ladies' Aid; an energetic worker and capable organizer. She laid a corner stone on behalf of Ladies' Aid.

THE LADIES' AID

The old church bell had long been cracked;
  Its call was but a groan;
It seemed to sound a funeral knell
  With every broken tone.
"We need a bell," the brethren said,
  "But taxes must be paid;
We have no money we can spare—
  Just ask the Ladies' Aid."

The shingles on the roof were old;
  The rain came down in rills;
The brethren slowly shook their heads
  And spoke of "Monthly bills."
The chairman of the board arose,
  And said, "I am afraid
That we shall have to lay the case
  Before the Ladies' Aid"

The carpet had been patched and patched
  Till quite beyond repair,
And through the aisles and on the steps
  The boards showed hard and bare.

"It is too bad!" the brethren said;
  "An effort must be made
To raise an interest on the part
  Of members of the Aid."

The preacher's stipend was behind;
  The poor man blushed to meet
The grocer and the butcher as
  They passed him on the street.
But nobly spoke the brethren then:
  "Pastor, you shall be paid!
We'll call upon the treasurer
  Of our good Ladies' Aid.

"Ah!" said the men the way to heaven
  Is long and hard and steep;
With hopes of ease on either side,
  The path 'tis hard to keep.
We cannot climb the heights alone;
  Our hearts are sore dismayed;
We ne'er shall get to heaven at all
  Without the Ladies' Aid!"

—Christian Endeavor World.

There is nothing so kingly as kindness.
  And nothing so royal as truth.—Alice Carey.
—MR. AND MRS. JOHN WALLS.

Great deeds cannot die;
They with the sun and moon renew their light
Forever, blessing those that look on them.—Tennyson.
MR. AND MRS. W. J. MURRAY.

Self reverance, self knowledge, self control,
These three alone lead life to sovereign power.—Tennyson.
—BELLA MACDOUGALL.

When all our toils and conflicts are o'er,
  We'll a crown of glory wear;
And with countless millions join in the song
  To sing and shout, "Oh, the victory is won!"
—VERA SHUTTLEWORTH.

THE WEST OXFORD STARS—CHAMPIONS 1909

THE WEST OXFORD STARS

IN 1909, 1910 AND 1911 WINNERS OF THE WOOD TROPHY AGAINST ALL COMERS

At Beachville Old Boys' Re-union in 1909 the "Stars" won the famous Wood Trophy, after having broken even with the Ingersoll Condensers team in two different games. They have never been beaten, and again in 1910 and 1911 won the championships. Because of three successive victories, the "Stars" become owners of the trophy.

FOLDEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School has always been hampered for room. It is because of their demands and especially as created by the unusual development of the adult class that has brought on the building of the new church.

Past Superintendents are: Wm. Sandick, Sylvester Hill, Fred Service (9 years) and C. W. Budd. The school membership at present is 140, with the following teachers and officers: Geo. Shelton, Superintendent, (fourth year of office); S. D. Somers, Assistant Superintendent; D. Wesley Osmond, Secretary; Heman Thornton, Treasurer; Mrs. J. C. Barrett, Home Department Superintendent; Mrs. C. W. Budd, Cradle Roll Superintendent; George Manzer, Librarian: Mrs. W. Haskett, Organist; C. W. Budd, Teacher Adult Bible Class; Miss Lydia Osmond, Teacher Intermediate Girls; Miss Gilbert, Teacher Intermediate Boys; Mrs. Charles Hoyle, Junior Teacher; Mrs. David Osmond, Primary Teacher.

CORNER STONE DAY

The Corner Stones of the new church were laid on Tuesday, July 18th, 1911. This date was observed as a general holiday throughout this district. About 800 people were present. Rev. C. L. McIrvine, Chairman of Woodstock District Methodist Churches, and pastor of Central Methodist Church, Woodstock, acted as chairman and delivered a splendid patriotic address.

Other addresses were delivered by M. S. Schell., M. P., T. R. Mayberry, M. P. P., Revs. W. J. Ellis, J. E. Russ, A. S. Colwell, J. P. Bell and G. W. Barker. A male quartette, (Messrs. Waters, Robinson, Langford and Chapman) of Ingersoll, and Miss Russ, of Beachville rendered splendid music. Mrs. Rodda, Detroit, gave delightful readings.

Corner Stones were laid by M. S. Schell, M. P.; T. R Mayberry, M. P. P.; Walter Pullin, Woodstock; John Shelton, Sr., Ingersoll, and Mrs. W. B. Sage, of Foldens, on behalf of the local Ladies' Aid.

At 6.30 p. m. a football match was played. The "Noxons," of Ingersoll, and the "West Oxford Stars," of Foldens, gave exhibition of splendid work, and it delighted all to see these strong teams in contest. The people were treated to good baseball as well, Sweaburg and Mt. Elgin teams being the contestants.

Dinner was served by the Ladies' Aid in the large new sheds of the Baptist Church. The sheds all around were elaborately and tastily decorated. Great credit is due the Ladies' Aid, the Trustees and others for the unbounded success of the day. Neither time nor money was spared.

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